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-- Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention. --

On page ¹⁵~~14~~, beginning at line ¹⁸~~24~~, delete the text and replace with the following:

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-- Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention. The following pseudo code listing explains the algorithm in connection with Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B. --

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to properly designate this application as a divisional of application Serial No. 08/738,940, filed October 24, 1996, now allowed. Additionally, the specification was amended to conform with the new formal drawings filed herewith.

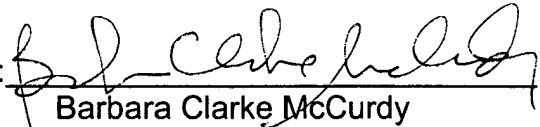
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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 5 the following heading is inserted:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION --

On page 1, line 6 the following new paragraph is inserted:

-- This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/738,940, filed October 24, 1996 now allowed, which is incorporated herein by reference. --

On page 7, beginning at line 19, the text is amended as follows:

[Fig. 4 is a flow diagram] Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention.

On page 14, beginning at line 24, the text is amended as follows:

[Fig. 4 is a flow diagram] Figs. 4A and 4B are flow diagrams showing a preferred implementation of an intelligent port distribution algorithm according to the invention.

The following pseudo code listing explains the algorithm in connection with [Fig. 4]

Fig. 4A and Fig. 4B.

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